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September 12, 2006

Honorable Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERAGENCY
AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
RELATING TO THE 2005 HUD SHELTER PLUS CARE SAMARITAN GRANT
(ALL DISTRICTS)
(3 Vote)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this Interagency Agreement is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because it does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (Housing Authority) to execute a five year Interagency Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), presented in substantially final form, to allow homeless individuals who are recipients of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Tenant Based Rental Assistance Shelter Plus Care Samaritan Grant certificates to use the certificates within the City of Los Angeles, to be effective following approval as to form by county Counsel and execution by all parties.
3. Authorize the Executive Director to amend the Interagency Agreement with HACLA to extend the term and to incorporate any other administrative provisions that may be required for the purposes described above, following approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The purpose of this action is to authorize the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to execute a five-year Interagency Agreement with HACLA related to the administration of the 2005 HUD Shelter Plus Care Samaritan Grant. The Interagency Agreement will allow homeless individuals who are recipients HUD Shelter Plus Care Samaritan Grant certificates to use the certificates within either the unincorporated County or the City of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/ FINANCING:

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Housing Authority was awarded a HUD Shelter Plus Care Samaritan Grant of \$6,340,320 to provide housing assistance payments for 111 chronically homeless individuals for five years. The HUD grant will be matched dollar for dollar in case management and supportive services from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) and their subcontracted service providers.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Approximately 200,000 people become homeless annually in Los Angeles County. Although most manage to find income supports and housing, approximately 10 to 15 percent are chronically homeless. This group includes single adults with disabilities, people with serious mental illness, substance abuse, medical or physical disabilities, or a combination of these, who have been homeless continuously for at least a year, or have been homeless four or more times in the last three years. This population, especially those individuals with multiple disabilities, has not responded well to traditional service delivery systems.

The Los Angeles County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) system includes both the County and City of Los Angeles. The Housing Authority was recently awarded a 2005 Tenant Based Rental Assistance Shelter Plus Care Samaritan Grant from HUD to assist 111 disabled, single, homeless individuals. DMH, acting as the project sponsor for the grant, will refer clients to the Housing Authority for inclusion in this grant program.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority 2004 CoC Plan, there are at least 70,650 homeless persons in Los Angeles County (excluding Glendale, Long Beach and Pasadena) on any given night, 41,088 of which are single individuals. A conservative estimate is that about 10,300 of these individuals are mentally ill. The CoC Plan further estimates that there are 7,135 chronically homeless individuals, of whom 1,688 are sheltered and 5,459 are unsheltered. A majority of these individuals have a severe mental illness and/or substance abuse problem. It is this last group of homeless individuals that the Shelter Plus Care Samaritan Grant targets for assistance.

The Shelter Plus Care Samaritan Grant program addresses the housing needs of the target population by providing access to permanent, affordable housing linked with integrated supportive services tailored to each client's multiple needs for mental health and substance abuse treatment, health care, rehabilitation, life skills, income supports and other services. Studies have shown that persons who receive supportive services in housing of their choice, appropriate to their preferences and needs, tend to remain housed. Participants in the Shelter Plus Care Samaritan Grant program can currently use their housing certificates in the unincorporated County. The Housing Authority and HACLA believe it is in the best interests of the participants and the program overall that participants be given the opportunity to locate housing within the City of Los Angeles as well as within the unincorporated County.

Under the Shelter Plus Care Samaritan Grant program, DMH refers homeless, disabled individuals to the Housing Authority, which confirms program eligibility and issues a housing certificate to the individual or family. The individual or family locates housing and submits Request for Tenancy Approval forms to the Housing Authority to inspect the unit and ultimately execute a contract with the property owner to begin housing assistance payments on behalf of the client. The proposed Interagency Agreement will allow eligible clients to locate housing within the unincorporated County or the City of Los Angeles.

The Interagency Agreement has been reviewed by County Counsel and will be effective following approval as to form by County Counsel and execution by all parties. At its meeting of August 23, 2006, the Housing Commission recommended approval of this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

This action is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(3) because it involves administrative activities that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes to the environment. These activities are not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378 because they are not defined as a project under CEQA and do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECT:

The Interagency Agreement will allow homeless clients referred by DMH to locate housing within the unincorporated County or City of Los Angeles. It also allows the Housing Authority to administer a portion of the Shelter Plus Care Samaritan Grant within the City of Los Angeles and thus fully and expeditiously utilize the funding.

Respectfully submitted,


for CARLOS JACKSON
Executive Director

Attachment: 1

**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT
FOR THE
SHELTER PLUS CARE
PROGRAM**

This Agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 2006 by and between the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as "HACoLA" and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as "HACLA".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, HACoLA received a 2005 Tenant Based Rental Assistance Shelter Plus Care (SPC) Grant from HUD to assist 111 disabled, homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, on occasion, HACoLA SPC program participants may desire to lease a unit within HACLA's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, representatives of HACoLA and HACLA have discussed this matter verbally and believe that it would be mutually beneficial, and, indeed, a public service, to accommodate such participants; and

WHEREAS, HACoLA must ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of HUD's 2005 SPC grant agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein set forth and the mutual benefits to be derived therefrom, the parties agree as follows:

1. **PARTIES**

The parties to this Agreement are:

A. **HACoLA:**

The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, a public body incorporated under the laws of the State of California, having its principal office at 12131 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670.

B. **HACLA:**

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, a public body incorporated under the laws of the State of California, having its principal office at 2600 Wilshire Blvd., 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90057.

2. COMPENSATION

There shall be no compensation for the services described herein.

3. TERM

This Agreement shall commence on the date first above written and end on ____ day of _____ 2011.

4. HACoLA RESPONSIBILITIES

HACoLA will perform **all** SPC contract administration duties associated with the aforementioned HUD grant agreement.

5. HACLA RESPONSIBILITIES

HACLA authorizes the HACoLA to administer a portion of this 2005 SPC HUD Grant within HACLA's jurisdiction.

6. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

During the term of this Agreement, HACoLA or HACLA may terminate this Agreement upon fifteen (15) days' prior written notice. The Executive Director or designee of each agency is hereby authorized to give said notice. The Notice of Termination shall specify the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

7. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties.

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SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, HACOLA and HACLA have executed this Agreement through their duly authorized officers on the date first above written.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
Carlos Jackson, Executive Director Date _____

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES:

By: _____
Rudolf C. Montiel, Executive Director Date _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Raymond G. Fortner, Jr.
County Counsel

By _____

Title _____ Deputy _____

Date _____

Rockard J. Delgadillo
City Attorney

By _____

Title _____

Date _____